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Instructions to Revenue officers regarding kudimaramat.

*9 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the "more specific instructions to Revenue Officers" regarding kudimaramat referred to in paragraph 2 of G.O. Mis. No. 2463, Revenue, dated 30th November 1927, have been issued; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy of the instructions issued is placed on the table of the House.[a]

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether, in issuing the instructions that they have done, they have considered the claims of the ryots under the word 'customary,' and whether they intend issuing any further instructions to define exactly what the word 'customary' should mean in the eye of the revenue officials?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"The instructions can only apply to customary works, Sir, because, if the work is not customary, it does not fall on the ryot to do it. But the Government do not propose to issue any definition of the word 'customary'."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know if the hon. the Revenue Member is aware that under the word 'customary' all sorts of things are brought in, and the revenue officials do require some guidance so as to decide which is customary and which is not customary and as to the kind of thing which should be considered customary?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I would suggest, Sir, that whether a work is customary or not does not depend on the nature of any particular work, but on whether it has been the custom for that particular work to be done by the ryot."

Plans and estimates for the Thokapalli project.

*10 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the plans and estimates regarding the Thokapalli project in the Kurnool district said to have been under revision in the Superintending Engineer's Office (vide page 334, Madras Legislative Council Proceedings, Volume XXXVIII) have been received and considered;

(*b*) whether the Government have passed orders; and

(*c*) if so, what the orders are?

A.—In January last, on the application of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, the Government sanctioned the employment for a period of six months of a draughtsman to scrutinize the plans and estimates made in 1922 and bring them up to date. The revised plans and estimates have not yet been received.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 105–106 infra.